viz. Establishment of Cashew Board, Development of Commercial Floriculture, Mushrooms Cultivation, Vegetable Cultivation, Technology Mission on Black Pepper, Processing of Coconut, Scheme for Checking the Root-wilt Disease of Coconut, Relief Assistance for Crop-loss and Natural Calamity, Development of Infrastructural Facilities, etc. The various proposals submitted for Central assistance have been discussed with the State Government who have been advised to take up projects as part of the on going Centrally Sponsored Schemes wherever feasible or in the State Plan.

Traffic Problem During VIP Movement

1655. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the VIP movements in Delhi cause a traffic congestion;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to avoid congestion of traffic in Delhi;

(c) whether any committee to check the traffic problem in Delhi is likely to be set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The prevailing security environ makes it imperative to regulate traffic during VVIP movements which at times lead to temporary congestion. However, in order to facilitate smooth flow of traffic on such occasions, the stoppage time is reduced to the barest minimum and efforts are also made to provide alternate routes and diversions.

(c) and (d) The Lt. Governor of Delhi recently constituted a Committee on Traffic Management Task Force (TMTF) under his chairmanship to evolve solutions for bringing about improvement in traffic management.

[Translation]

Poultry Complex

1656. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 89 on July 10, 1996 and state :

(a) the date on which the proposal to set up poultry complex at Gram Sabha Jamuvava, district Ajamgarh in Uttar Pradesh was received;

(b) the present position of the said proposal;

(c) the reasons for not giving sanction for setting up the poultry complex till now; and

(d) the time by which the poultry complex is likely to be sanctioned at Gram Sabha, Jamuvava ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) The proposal was received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh during October, 1995 suggesting the name of 10 Districts including Ajamgarh.

(b) and (c) The whole issue of Establishment of Poultry Complexes including in the State of Uttar Pradesh is still under the consideration of Government.

(d) After the approval.

[English]

Cases of Theft/Pilferage/Fire in Food Corporation of India

1657. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of theft/pilferage/fire which took place in Food Corporation of India and the quantity of material/foodgrains involved in these during 1995-96 and 1996-97 till date, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of stolen/pilfered material or foodgrains recovered, State-wise;

(c) the action taken to strengthen the Watch & Ward Wing of FCI during this period; and

(d) the quantity of foodgrains lost in transit or pilfered during movement of foodgrains during the said period, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Statements I and II containing the details of the cases of theft/misappropriation/fire during 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto 31.12.96) are attached.

(b) Statements III and IV containing the details of the quantity recovered during the period 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto 31.12.96) are attached.

(c) Keeping in view the storage capacity and prevailing local conditions, Watch & Ward of FCI, State Armed Police and Central Industrial Security Force personnel have been deployed to guard godowns at sensitive centres/food supply depots. A regular check of out-going and in-coming vehicles is done to tally the stocks with gate passes. Services of local law enforcing agencies are also utilised as and when required. Police petrolling is arranged for vulnerable depots. Surprise inspections and physical verifications of stocks are done on regular basis.

(d) A Statement V containing the details of foodgrains lost in transit is enclosed.